

In re Application of Michael [REDACTED] and Richard H. EBRIGHT
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REMARKS

The subject application is a Continuation Application of copending PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/10719, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/047,472, filed May 23, 1997.

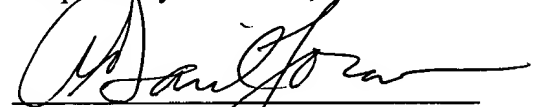
Claims 1-72 were pending in the prior International application. Claims 1, 36, 37, 63-68, and 72 have been amended herein, and new claim 73 is added herein.. Accordingly, claims 1-73 are under examination. It is maintained that the amendments set forth herein merely make more clear what is applicants' intended invention. The amendments do not introduce an issue of new matter, and therefore, applicants respectfully request entry of the claims as amended.

In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, the claims are believed to be in allowable condition, and prompt examination on the merits is requested.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

No fee, aside from the initial filing fees and the fee for new claim 73, payment for which will be made in due course, is believed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is otherwise deemed required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account 50-0540.

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